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**ASSIGNMENT**

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventors: 1) Ashish Varma, 2) Noel Coyle, and 3) Richard Gibbons, the undersigned inventors hereby sell and assign to Medtronic Vascular, Inc. (the Assignee) their entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

*check applicable box(es)*

- ☒ for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),  
☒ and throughout the world,

(a) in the invention(s) known as Transition Section For A Catheter for which application(s) for patent in the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned on 1) 2/21/04, 2) 20/1/04, and 3) 21/1/04 (also known as United States Application No. To be assigned, filed Herewith), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and

(b) in any and all applications that claim the benefit of the patent application listed above in part (a), including continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of the patent application or Letters Patent therefor listed above in part (a), to the full extent of the term or terms for which Letters Patents issue, and

(c) in any and all inventions described in the patent application listed above in part (a), and in any and all forms of intellectual and industrial property protection derivable from such patent application, and that are derivable from any and all continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of such patent application, including, without limitation, patents, applications, utility models, inventor's certificates, and designs together with the right to file applications therefor; and including the right to claim the same priority rights from any previously filed applications under the International Agreement for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement, or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable;

all such rights, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to the same extent as all such rights, title and interest would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned inventors agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application(s) and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application(s) thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such application(s) as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned inventors agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference or patent enforcement action (judicial or otherwise) related to the application(s) or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination application(s)

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thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or patent enforcement action.

The undersigned inventors hereby represent that they have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that they have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed by the undersigned inventor(s) on the date opposite his name.

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